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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 15, 2002, applicant hereby elects Group "a" (Embodiments of Figures 1-7). Since the Examiner has not mentioned Figures 8 and 9, the undersigned assumes them to be part of Group "a." The Examiner also failed to state the classification of Figure 11; it is assumed Figure 11 is part of Group "b."

All of the claims in the application call for a method. All of the figures illustrate physical devices, some of which correspond to specific stages in certain exemplary methods. Accordingly, it is difficult to identify which claims "read on" which figures. To the extent that such a reading is appropriate, it appears that claims 1-9, 11-35, and 38 correspond to Group "a." It also appears that each of these claims is generic as the Examiner has identified the stated groups.

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